



It is expected that by 1985 more than half of the men of 65 in the U.S. will be World War II veterans.

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Drivers Face Checkup in All Areas

Each driver of over-the-road, general trucking, and local haul and pickup truck and other equipment will be checked by Teamsters Union representatives during the period from April 1 to 15 in a nation-wide campaign announced last week by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Local 890 of Teamsters in Monterey County will participate in the general checkup to ascertain that all drivers are members in good standing of some Teamster union and working in accordance with union contracts and conditions.

Letters have been sent to all employers notifying them of the checkup and urging full co-operation with the campaign in order to prevent delays in deliveries.

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Teamsters Union 890, said this union is making detailed plans for the checkup on all drivers in accordance with instructions from the international union.

The letters sent employers here read in part:

"You are doubtless aware by this time that, under instructions from our national trade division, approved by the international union, that we are going to check from coast to coast and from border to border, each driver of over-the-road, general trucking, or local haul and pickup equipment, to ascertain whether or not he is a member in good standing of this local union in accordance with the contracts in existence between this local and your company.

"In order that you will be in no manner inconvenienced, and in the interest of expediting your trucks on their way, we hereby wish to officially request that you see to it that all members of our local union employed by you are working in conformity with the provisions of the contract now in force.

"We further notify you that if your equipment is subject to delays because of an infraction of this good standing clause in our mutual agreement, that yours is the sole responsibility for any inconvenience caused.

"We know we can depend on your co-operation and assistance in this matter and if there are any questions, please take them up with us prior to the start of our national 15-day checking campaign which will commence on April 1."

Sal's Creamery Signs Contract With Culinary

Negotiations last week resulted in the signing of a contract between Sal's Creamery, 611 E. Alisal St., Salinas, and Culinary Alliance 467, according to Bertha A. Boles, union secretary.

Sal LaBarbera signed the agreement for the Salinas creamery and at the same time his brother, Phil, who operates the Sal's Creamery in Watsonville, signed for the Watsonville unit with Culinary-Bartenders Union 345.

The agreement signed in Salinas was the standard industry-wide contract, Mrs. Boles said. Al Clark, secretary of the Joint Local Executive Board for culinary and bartenders union in Salinas, assisted in the negotiations.

TEMO SPORTS PLANS START; MEET SUNDAY

Teamsters and other members of Teamsters-Warehousemen's Union 890 who are interested in softball or baseball are invited to attend a special meeting at 1 p.m. Sunday (March 27) at union headquarters, 274 E. Alisal St., to lay plans for the union's softball team entry in the B League of the Salinas Recreation Program.

The union's sports program got an unofficial start last Sunday when softball players and others met at the union's office to make tentative plans for the team competition.

Plans call for the union to provide full-coverage insurance for all players on the union's team, to supply uniforms and all necessary equipment.

The team will be formed and start practicing as soon as possible and the League competition begins in May.

Every member interested in softball or baseball is urged to attend Sunday's meeting.

Knowland Aids Filibuster



FILIBUSTER FINISH.—Republican Senate leaders William F. Knowland (Calif.) and Kenneth S. Wherry (Neb.), who teamed up with southern Democrats in a three-week filibuster, confer with Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas (D., Ill.) just before they successfully won their campaign to bury civil rights legislation this session. Under the new rule 64 senators must vote to shut off a debate.

British Medics OK U.S. Health Plan, Embarrass U.S. Docs

Memphis.—The American Medical Association can be very happy at the way most American newspapers played down a story that developed here recently which undermined the AMA's campaign against National Health Insurance legislation.

The AMA has been using its \$3,500,000 lobby fund to propagandize the American people that the British Labor Government's medical program is a disastrous failure and a warning to this country against adoption of national health insurance. But the campaign backfired seriously at the recent meeting of the American Cancer Society here.

Three noted British doctors were invited to this country to address the Cancer Society meeting. As distinguished guests, they were interviewed by the press, and to the horror of the American doctors present, replied to questions about the British medical service with high praise of it. None of the three noted doctors backed up the AMA propaganda.

The whole thing was completely unstaged and spontaneous. The reporters, looking for a story, asked the doctors about the British program which the AMA has been knocking as a failure. They all said it was working well. One of them—Dr. B. W. Windeyer, a noted cancer specialist—hit the AMA particularly hard by asserting that "the great bulk of the patients in the long run are going to get better medicine" under the national health program than before.

THEY GET GOOD PAY
Another leading British doctor—Dr. Stanford Cade—was asked by a reporter about the truth of stories that the British doctors were overpaid with malingerers and neurotics who were not really sick. He replied that he had not seen anything of that kind and added that the average person does not call on a doctor unless he really needs him. All of the doctors expressed satisfaction with the income they are realizing under the British program.

Some of the American doctors at the Cancer Society meeting were furious at the attitude of the British doctors. At an evening party one of them began to berate one of the British doctors for coming over here at the expense of American doctors and then trying to interfere with the way the doctors here are running their business.

The Britisher replied he had understood that freedom of speech prevailed here, that he had done nothing but answer questions asked by the press, and that he had talked merely about what was happening in Britain without trying to suggest what should be done here. Other guests at the party were embarrassed by the rude attitude of the American doctor.

Need Inflation Controls

Washington.—We're still in for more inflation, the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report concluded last week. The steps to be taken, said the Committee, are: Taxation of corporate profits; continuation of credit controls; allocation of scarce materials; extension of control over exports; stand-by authority to request cooling-off periods for price increases; stronger controls on government purchasing; and restrictions on mortgage lending and loans for automobiles.

Salinas A. F. L. Starts Kiddie Shows May 7

Electricians Win Travel Pay, Return to Electric Firm Job At Moss Landing

Agreement was reached last week between Electricians Union 243 of Salinas and Stone & Webster Corp., contractors for the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam plant at Moss Landing, whereby travel time allowances will be paid to electrical workers and their work on the project will be resumed, Business Representative Carl Lara of Local 243 reports.

The travel time will be paid retroactive to November 1 for days worked and the 18 men on the project at that time will be returned to their jobs this week, Lara said. The men had left their jobs later in November pending clarification of their travel time demands.

International officials of the Electrical Workers union have been negotiating with Stone & Webster for the travel allowance, which is called for in the contract under which Local 243 men work.

Construction of the \$50,000,000 steam plant showed new progress last week as the ground began drying after prolonged rains.

More carpenters, laborers and other workers were sent to the Moss Landing project as steel for reinforcing the concrete walls was delivered to the project.

Workmen are busy on foundations and building forms for the concrete pour, which will begin shortly.

An estimated 400 persons are employed on the project now, with more to be engaged. Union officials, however, warn that no more men are needed for the job—long lists of eligible workers are on file with all unions.

Unionists Begin Soledad Prison Building Work

Union building tradesmen were called to the construction of preliminary work at the state medium security prison at Soledad last week, having won the job following protests against use of state prisoners on the construction work.

Ten carpenters, four laborers, a plumber and an electrician were sent to Soledad by unions in Salinas.

Carpenters Union 925 reportedly has approved the project, having questioned the fact that some work under way is to be completed by prison labor and uncertain whether or not to allow union workmen on the job until all prisoner work had been completed.

Referral of the other craftsmen was said to be contingent on conferences regarding the continued prisoner work.

Unions had protested prison labor on the preliminary work of building a dairy, warehouses and other buildings. Governor Warren and others had agreed with the protests and ordered union workmen to complete work. The main prison contract is due to be awarded shortly.

Bartenders 545 Aid Red Cross

Members of Bartenders Union 545 are donating \$1.00 each to the current fund campaign of the American Red Cross, union Secretary Alfred J. Clark reports.

The members voted the donation at their last meeting, he added.

In addition, the union's executive board will ask the membership to donate \$10 to the Sister Kenny Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Clark said.

New members of Local 545 were saluted at the last meeting, including Scott S. Murphy, Raymond Gross, Merle McCoy, P. L. Williams and Robert Wright.

Australia First to O.K. ILO Seamen's Hours Rule
Lake Success.—The Australian government became the first to ratify an international convention governing the wages and hours of seamen, according to the United Nations International Labor Organization.

Culinary, Bar Unions Support Hollister Move

Organizational activity in the Hollister area by building trades unions and other organizations, unions with headquarters in Salinas or San Jose, was given impetus last week as Salinas Culinary Alliance 467 and Bartenders Union 545 announced full co-operation and support with the organizing campaign.

Business Agents Bertha Boles and Alfred J. Clark of the respective unions are making frequent trips to Hollister to assist the other organizers and to make contacts with restaurants and bars.

Walt's Club Cafe in Hollister is fully union, Mrs. Boles reports, and Manager Bill Keys solicits the patronage of union officials and members.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

(Meeting of March 15, 1949)
The Council voted to cooperate with the California Labor League for Political Education and approved the payment of six months' dues.

The Bartenders reported that the Pep case has been settled and a contract signed. The terms are not quite so good as the general contract, but represents a considerable gain. They report that there has been some exploratory discussion of a new contract for the coming year.

The Butchers reported several good meetings since their last report to the Council. They report that for them there has been some decrease in unemployment and that their members are generally happy. They have a new president, Eddie Capon. Also, they have a new Social Committee. One of their regular members, Gene Hellam, is reported on the sick list.

The Cannery Workers reported that at their meeting there had been much discussion of the proposed Seaside Sanitation District. Many of their members live in that area. Their local voted to send two delegates to their convention to meet in Baltimore. Their representative in Sacramento is busy regarding legislation affecting the fishing industry. They voted to pay their assessments to the California Labor League for Political Education.

The Carpenters reported a routine meeting and five new members admitted.

WAYNE EDWARDS, Secretary.

MOORHEADS WED 29 YRS.

Earl A. Moorhead and his wife, Mrs. Ruth Moorhead, both prominent in AFL union matters in Santa Clara County and surrounding area, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, March 15.

The Moorheads' two sons, Mickey and Bill, and their wives, prepared a festive anniversary dinner for the family group at the Moorhead home that night.

As for Bro. Moorhead—he was called off to a union meeting right after dinner, but he promised that when No. 30 comes around, he'll stay at home that night!

Another Station Signs With Temos

Another gas station has signed a contract with Teamsters Union 890 in Salinas in the union's current organizational campaign, Business Representative Albert Harris reports.

Latest to sign with the union is Les Thompson, who operates a station at Front and Alisal Streets.

Signed earlier in the campaign were Firestone Service, San Luis and Monterey Streets; Deane's Tire Service, Gabilan and Monterey Streets; Lamar Service, Alisal and Felice Streets, and Sears Gas Station, at Valley Center shopping center on South Main Street.

The increasing use of household garbage grinders is creating new sewage problems; some 350,000 grinders have been installed.

Free Movies, Gifts, Games Are Planned

Start of the series of free motion pictures, entertainments, games and awards for youngsters in the Salinas area was set last week as Sunday morning, May 7, at Salinas High School Auditorium, the programs arranged and presented as a public service by the Central Labor Union of Monterey County (AFL).

Similar shows will be given weekly, each at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and each free of charge to all the youngsters. Approved motion pictures, cartoons and comedies will be shown, and from time to time entertainment of other nature will be presented.

The labor council has named a committee of Thomas Hill, president of Carpenters Union 925; Homer Bronson, of Teachers Union 1020, and Albert Harris, president of Teamsters Union 890, to arrange the programs and shows.

A projection outfit is being purchased by the labor council for the movies and Harris is making arrangements to get western films and cartoons for the opening show.

Cooperation of the school trustees through donation of the school auditorium facilities and of civic leaders has been pledged, the council reports.

During the show series, youngsters will be presented with puppets, bicycles and other gifts for participation in events and attendance.

Formation of a "Kiddies Klub" is planned also. The youngsters will register when they first attend one of the shows. Club members will get special privileges.

Inasmuch as the shows are being presented as the AFL's contribution to local programs for youngsters and to help curb juvenile delinquency, the members of the "Kiddies Klub" will be asked to pledge themselves to obey local laws, be good citizens, and to keep themselves morally and physically fit. There will be no club dues or charges, but improper behavior might bar the youngsters from further club participation.

Mac's Cafe Remodeled; Opening Set

Remodeling of Mac's Cafe at 213 Monterey St., Salinas, is nearly complete and the re-opening is scheduled for Friday, according to Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Culinary Alliance 467, and A. J. Clark, secretary of Bartenders Union 545, both unions having contracts with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ivy, cafe operators.

Complete renovation of the bar and restaurant was included in the remodeling program and shiny new bar and house cards were placed in the cafe, which had been under union contract for many years prior to closing for the changes. The same crew has been re-employed for the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy pointed out that the remodeling was made possible by the patronage of union people during past years and said they hope to greet their old friends as well as new ones in the bright new place of business.

Insurance Plan For Culinary 467 Under Discussion

Final vote on a proposed group insurance plan whereby survivors of deceased members would receive a payment of \$1000 will be a principal order of business at the next meeting of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas on Monday, March 28.

Secretary Bertha A. Boles of the union said details for making the insurance plan effective are almost completed and wait only the final approval of the membership.

At last week's big meeting, five new members were initiated and several important business matters were handled. Mrs. Boles paid high tribute to building trades crafts in the Salinas area for co-operation which has resulted in several new union restaurants during the past month.

Calif. Unions Get Pay Hikes

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—AFL unions in California gained wage increases of 7 1/2 to 25 cents an hour through collective bargaining negotiations between mid-November and the end of December. Increases affecting more than 500 workers, as reported to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' regional office in San Francisco are given below:

Sugar Refinery Employees No. 20037, 10 cents or 8%, effective 12/2/48, 1380 employees.

Bakery and Confectionery Workers No. 418, Los Angeles, cookie shops, 6 1/2 cents; macaroni shops, 7 1/2 cents, retroactive to 8/22/48, 800 workers.

Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 432, Bakers Club, Oakland, \$5.00 to \$7.00 per week increase plus commission, and improved vacations, effective 10/1/48, 550 workers.

Butchers No. 506, retail, Santa Clara, Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties, \$5.00 to \$8.00 per week, effective 12/9/48, 500 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 428, food, same counties as above, \$5.00 to \$10.00 per week, effective 12/9/48, 700 clerks.

Butchers No. 421, retail, Los Angeles, \$10.00 per week, effective 11/26/48, 2500 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 1179, Contra Costa, clothing and dry goods, \$3.50 per week, effective 11/1/48, over 600 clerks.

Motor Coach Employees, Greyhound Bus Company, 7 Western states, 10 to 14%, retroactive to 10/24/48, 3600 workers.

Laundry Workers No. 2, Alameda County, 5% cents, effective 12/1/48, 2 1/2 cents effective 3/1/49.

One-Party Press Fights the Public Interest

We have a one-party press clamoring for "two-party government" for the same editorial pages which almost universally declared that ending the OPA would bring down living costs are now saying that stand-by controls are unnecessary in the present tense economic situation. Another instance is the anti-anti-control drive of the Reader's Digest (15 million copies) through its article "No Vacancies", reprints of which it is peddling to real-estate boards.

Then there is the startling story from Dan Hollenbeck (CBS Views the Press) who quoted a transcript of a report from a California state medical association representative on how Governor Warren's health insurance plan was smeared. Each of the 700 state newspapers, it seems, received a minimum of 100 column inches of advertising in 12 months. Previously they had been distant aloof. After advertising—"We found that the response from editors, in public life has been far beyond anything we expected when we started the campaign."

U.S. Survey Predicts Employment Upturn

Washington, D. C.—More favorable employment prospects are in sight during the next 10 days, according to a survey conducted by a federal agency.

Robert C. Goodwin, director of the United States Employment Service, said the survey covered employers in 92 major labor market areas and is the first made since unemployment began to rise in the last quarter of 1948.

"A majority of the employers expected a moderate employment recovery in late April and May but did not expect the recovery to raise employment this year to last year's record-breaking levels," Mr. Goodwin said.

"An employment recovery substantially more vigorous than indicated by the survey would be necessary to restore employment losses of last fall," he said. Initial and continued claims for unemployment insurance last week showed some further rise in unemployment, he added.

The Painters and The Plumbers Head For Diego in April

California's AFL Painters and Plumbers will convene in San Diego in April on the same dates, April 8, 9 and 10.

California Pipe Trades Council holds its convention in the border city, and Bay Area locals are lining up delegates this month.

State Conference of Painters gather there at the same time for their 23rd annual convention.

Both gatherings will take up a number of matters of interest and importance in the two building trades crafts, including recent developments in employment and working conditions.

Sheet Metal Workers State Council will meet in Los Angeles, April 2 and 3.

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DEMOCRATS ALONE RESPONSIBLE

Just as the Republicans were primarily responsible for what the 80th Congress did or refused to do, because they were in the majority in both houses; so the Democrats are now responsible for what the 81st Congress does or fails to do.

It is an encouraging trend of the times that people are learning where to place the blame for wrong moves or failure to act. What is more people are not forgetting so quickly as they seemed to do a few years back.

The situation today, so far as the 81st Congress is concerned, is both clear and easily understandable. The Democratic party made clearcut pledges in their 1948 platform and President Truman presented the promises of his party in unmistakable language before the election and has repeated these pledges in no uncertain terms in his various messages to the present Congress.

It all resolves itself to this, namely, that the Democratic party must be given the blame for what their members of Congress fail to do, just as it will get the credit for fulfilling its pledges to the people prior to the late election, to the extent that they carry them out. Nobody else is responsible and no excuses can make amends for failure to act.

LABOR READY TO ROAR

There are no two ways about it. Labor is demanding fulfillment of pre-election pledges from the Democratic party. Nor is labor in a mood to deal lightly or indifferently with any failure to do just this.

All over the United States labor is organizing for political action. This move is supplemented by the most extensive program of education the American labor movement has ever undertaken.

Labor is freer than it ever before has been to move in any direction the majority may decide to go. What more labor is in a mood to roar louder and more emphatically than has been its custom in the past if members of Congress or political parties break faith in failing to carry out pre-election platform pledges.

Nor will labor stop with just making a roar for any failure to perform. Already labor all over the United States is preparing to do something about it.

If labor surprised the politicians when Truman was re-elected Nov. 2nd there may be a lot of members of the present Congress, who have been accepting labor support in the past, who may be even more surprised if they still think they can disregard their pledges to labor.

GETTING FACTS FIRSTHAND

Too many people permit themselves to be swayed by what somebody says is so, when going right back to the original source would enable anyone desiring to know the truth to get it first hand. For instance, how many people there are, who vote on proposed measures at election time, who have never gone to the trouble of reading the proposal, which the law requires be printed in full before their very eyes. Instead they reach their decision by reading or hearing the often garbled and prejudiced statement of somebody else.

People who really want to know the truth, should go as close to bedrock as they can get in order to satisfy themselves in regard to what it is. In the case of proposals to be voted on the very best evidence of what it really is all about is the actual proposal itself. A careful reading of any such proposal will usually shed more light on what it contains than volumes uttered by interested parties concerning what it aims to accomplish for the reason that such discussions are almost invariably intended to influence others one way or the other.

The best way to study any proposal is to study carefully the measure itself for if it is adopted that is what will become the law and not what somebody said or thought it would be.

MUST IMPROVE OR DIE

Like all other organizations labor unions must improve and keep pace with the times. Unless they do this they must either pass out of existence or be displaced by better and more up-to-date organizations. Automobiles with the structure and build that prevailed for the very best makes of autos of 40 years ago would not stand any show of survival today, when every machine that manages to hold a place on today's market is a far better one than the best that existed 40 years ago. It is so with governments and institutions of every description. Those that improve and get better survive. Those that stand still or develop backward tendencies are heading for extinction.

People who do not uphold and will not defend their rights after they have been won and established, do not deserve to have them.

We have too many sleek politicians in office instead of faithful servants.

Behind the False Face!



Labor Ready to Do Housing Job

By RICHARD GRAY
President, AFL Building and Construction Trades Dept.

This is the last in a series of articles on legislative action to meet America's housing needs based on Mr. Gray's testimony before Congress. We believe that the adoption of our recommendations would make possible the construction of 1,500,000 homes each year for the next 10 years. This is the minimum number of units needed to provide every American family with decent living quarters.

I know that some assert that we do not have the labor or the materials which would be needed for a housing program of this magnitude. I wish to state most emphatically that I firmly believe that sufficient labor and sufficient materials are now available for us to undertake the housing program America needs.

The serious shortage of building materials which limited construction during the early postwar period is now largely a thing of the past.

We also believe that there are sufficient experienced workers in the building trades, together with the new workers who have been trained since the war, to successfully carry out the program we are urging.

However, we feel that if shortages of labor or materials should develop, the housing program is of such an emergency character that it must be completed even if less essential types of construction are deferred. Therefore, we urge that appropriate legislation be enacted giving the President standby powers for the allocation of building materials in order to ensure the successful completion of the housing program.

In concluding, let me emphasize one point. The 7,500,000 members of the American Federation of Labor, and particularly the 2,000,000 members of the trade unions affiliated with the Building and Construction Trades Department, do not consider the housing shortage as something which can be solved simply by enactment of legislation. We know that we will have to shoulder part of the responsibility for the successful completion of the housing program which we are urging here today.

We are ready and eager to discharge that responsibility. Now, as in the past, we will work to make certain that there is an adequate number of skilled building trades workers to perform this work. Under the apprenticeship program which we have sponsored, a total of 134,294 apprentices were registered in November 1948, with 3,200 local apprenticeship councils throughout the country.

The workers of America look to Congress to provide the legislation for a housing program to meet the needs of all the American people. We in the American Federation of Labor assure you that if you give us this go-ahead signal, we are ready to do the job of building the millions of houses America needs.



FRENCH HOUSING.—Beat-up France is able to go ahead on housing for workers, but prosperous U. S. is building homes only for the wealthy, it appears. Above is pictured a modern housing project under construction at Roubaix, France, to be occupied by French workers.

AUTO HINTS

BRAKE FLUID—Brake fluid in the master cylinder of the car's brake system should be checked each time the car is lubricated in order to assure safe braking in any emergency.

SCHOOL ZONES—Help keep children safe in traffic, urges the California State Automobile Association in a reminder that the Vehicle Code restricts speed to 15 miles per hour in school zones when children are entering or leaving school, during recess periods and while playgrounds are in use by children.

USE WAX POLISH—New car owners in particular are reminded that chrome plated parts will retain their original luster if washed at regular intervals and polished with a good liquid furniture polish.

USE HEADLIGHTS—For safe driving during early evening hours, be sure to turn on your car's headlights half an hour after sunset, as required by the Vehicle Code. Lighted headlights at dusk serve to warn pedestrians and other motorists of your approach.

OVERHEATING—Frequent causes of overheating of an automobile engine, advises the California State Automobile Association, include a broken or slipping fan belt, a clogged radiator, a defective thermostat, and a low water supply in the radiator.

FUEL PUMP CHECKUP—Old automobile fuel pumps often deliver sufficient fuel at moderate speeds but cause missing and poor engine performance at higher speed. Motorists are advised to have the fuel pump checked by a competent mechanic at least every 5000 miles.

Tire Gauges

Many tire gauges now on the market are unlikely to provide the accurate measurement of tire pressures needed for the new low-pressure tires. Consumers Union found in tests of eight brands. Only two of the gauges tested fully met CU requirements. CU's advice is to buy a good gauge and use it weekly. The gauges, all samples of which stood up well and gave good results under conditions similar to those encountered in normal use were Schrader Passenger Tire Gauge No. 5050, \$1.80, and All State Air Pressure Gauge, Sears Cat. No. 1076, 80c plus postage.

Apprentices to Lay Bricks in Union Industries Contest

Finals for a nation-wide brick-laying contest for apprentice brick-masons is scheduled for the Union Industries Show to be held May 18-22 in Cleveland, Ohio.

The national competition, first of its kind ever to be held, is being sponsored by the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union which will seek to name the champion brickmason apprentice from a field of about 5,000 young aspirants from every state in the union. The final contest will see eighty fledgling bricklayers competing in a mass exhibition of masonry skills.

At least one aspirant will represent each of the 48 states. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning brickmason apprentice. Those who have not been registered with the International Union for more than two years on June 1, 1949, are eligible to compete. "The contest has been given nation-wide publicity in the daily newspapers," said I. M. Ornburn, director of the show. "This is only one of the spectacular events which will take place at our all-union exhibition. There will be many other educational and interesting attractions sponsored by other A. F. of L. unions and manufacturers of nationally-known products that will participate in the Cleveland Show."

Preventing Deafness

Between 15 and 20 million Americans suffer from subnormal hearing, the U. S. Public Health Service says, but only about one-tenth of them realize it—the others have never learned that they don't hear as well as anybody else. Much of this hearing loss results from injury or disease of the delicate ear structures that could have been prevented through proper care.

In a healthy ear, protective wax is secreted by glands in the ear canal. Excess wax may at times form a partially defensing plug. If this happens, don't gouge with a match, hair pin or other sharp instrument. You may scratch the skin of the ear canal and cause infection, or jam the wax against the drum, increase discomfort and even rupture the drum. A doctor should be consulted. He can wash the wax out with an ear syringe.

Infected tonsils are another frequent cause of deafness. They discharge pus into the throat where it can easily reach the eustachian tubes and affect the hearing. If your doctor recommends it, infected tonsils should come out, the Health Service says.

In children, large adenoids are frequent, block the passage at the back of the throat above the roof of the mouth. These adenoids also frequently become infected. If this happens, they may endanger the ears. The only remedy is to have them removed, usually along with the tonsils.

Deafness can also result from injury to the hearing nerves. Such damage sometimes follows attacks of such diseases as scarlet fever, "strep throat," measles and meningitis. The only precaution is proper care and precaution when these diseases strike.

The average person loses some hearing every year after 40, the Health Service says, and there is nothing that doctors can do about this—except prescribe a hearing aid in severe cases.

But a lot of deafness is unnecessary, and it can be prevented if steps are taken to remedy the trouble in the early stages, before the damage is beyond repair.

GRIN or GROAN

Report from a country newspaper on a local romance: "... and the couple were married last Tuesday, thus ending a friendship which began in their schooldays."

"Where did you absorb your fine principles?" asked the interviewer. "At your mother's knee?" "No," replied the great industrialist. "Across my father's knee."

"So you'll really marry me?" exclaimed the love-struck youth. "Well, when we are married, the dark clouds will roll away, the blue skies will..."

"Skip the weather forecast," said the girl, "and put a diamond on my finger."

Indigestion: The failure to adjust a square meal to a round stomach.

Domestic harmony: Something a husband can obtain by playing second fiddle.

Nose: An appendage indicating a man's character, particularly if his wife leads him around by it.

Divorce suit: Something that is always pressed with the seamy side out.

Tommy: "What's the matter, has your girl turned you down?" Billy: "Yes, I haven't heard from her for a week."

Tommy: "I thought she said she would write every day."

Billy: "Yes, but she didn't say to whom."

"Mommy," asked little Dorothy, "may I go out and play?"

"Yes, darling. But don't play with boys. They are too rough."

"Well, mommy, may I play with a boy if I take a rough one and smooth him up?"

Judge: "What started the trouble between you and the plaintiff?"

Defendant: "Well, your honor, it was like this. He threw a cup of hot tea over me; I hit him in the face with my bag of tools; then he broke a chair over my head—and the next thing we knew we were quarreling."

Signs of the times: The laws of supply and demand are being abused. Those who have the supply are doing the demanding.—Reno Gazette.

The old tramp knocked at the door and asked for a hand-out.

"Did you see that pile of wood?" asked the farmwife.

"Yeah, I seen it."

"Such grammar. You should say 'I saw it.'"

"Lady," grinned the tramp, "you saw me see it, but you ain't seen me saw it."

The doctor was very pleased with his patient's progress. "You are coughing more easily this morning," he observed.

The impatient patient answered: "Well, for gosh sakes, I ought to be. I've been practicing all night."

Chivalry is a man's inclination to defend a woman against every man but himself.

Girl Friend: "Joe! You mustn't drive so fast."

"Why not?"

Girl Friend: "The motor cop behind us won't like it."

"Was he furious when he broke off the engagement?"

"Furious! Why, she took off her ring and flung it on her right hand."

Policeman: "You saw this lady coming toward you. Why didn't you give her half the road?"

Unhappy Driver: "I was going to just as soon as I could find out which half she wanted."

A local food market has a sign on the tomato rack which reads: "Don't squeeze me until I'm yours."

Executive ability is the art of getting credit for the hard work someone else does.

OVER-THE-ROAD CHECKING CAMPAIGN April 1 to 15

All AFL international unions are asked to cooperate in the Over-the-Road truck drivers' checking campaign April 1 to 15. All Teamster locals and joint councils are participating in this official Over-the-Road checking campaign.

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Social Security Rules Explained

A wage-earner's eligibility for old age insurance benefits depends on his age, the kind of jobs he has had, and the amount of pay he has received in given periods of time. To receive the benefits, however, he must apply for them—that is, he must file an application at a Social Security Administration office.

Specifically the requirements are as follows:

He must be 65 years of age or older. If he reaches age 65 without being able to fulfill the work requirement, he may qualify after 65 by continuing to work under covered employment until he does meet the requirements.

The wage-earner must have worked on the kind of jobs covered under the Social Security Act, such as work in a factory, mill, mine, shop, store, office, or other place of commerce or industry, including jobs in building construction and maintenance. The size of the business, that is, the number of persons on the payroll, makes no difference. The job is covered even if there is only one employee on the payroll.

The worker must have received, in covered employment, wages of at least \$50 in each of a minimum number of calendar quarters. A calendar quarter is a period of three months beginning January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1. Calendar quarters in which the worker received \$50 or more in covered employment are called "quarters of coverage."

When the worker has acquired the required minimum number of quarters of coverage he is "fully insured."

To be fully insured the worker must have worked in one-half of the number of calendar quarters from January 1, 1937 (when the system became operative) to the quarter in which he reaches 65. There must be at least six quarters of coverage in any case. With 40 quarters of coverage or more the worker is fully insured.

The quarters of coverage do not have to be consecutive. Example: If a worker reached age 65 before July 1, 1940, he would need only six quarters of coverage. If he reached 65 between January 1 and June 30, 1943, he would need 12 quarters. If he reached 65 between January 1 and June 30, 1949, he would need 24 quarters.

Any worker aged 65 or over who has worked at all in employment covered by the Social Security Act should contact the local social security office for information.

High Court Says States Have Right To Ban Strikes

Washington (LPA)—The Supreme Court, in a 5-to-4 decision last week, upheld a Wisconsin state ban on union meetings which are, in effect, strikes.

The case was an appeal of United Auto Workers (AFL) over their hadn't violated a state strike ban by holding 26 special meetings within a few weeks during working hours. The Briggs & Stratton Company, where the meetings were held, claimed that they interfered with production.

Justice Robert Jackson said, in the majority opinion, that the state has a right to legislate in the field of strike activities beyond the realm of federal statute.

In a dissent opinion, Justice William C. Douglas said that the decision leaves the way open for states to outlaw strikes, thereby undermining the right to strike which Congress has sanctioned. Justices Black and Rutledge agreed with him.

Inside of an automobile is a safe place when lightning strikes; a man-made 3,000,000-volt charge of lightning fired at a passenger car did no damage to a man inside and left only a slight scorched spot on the car's metal top.



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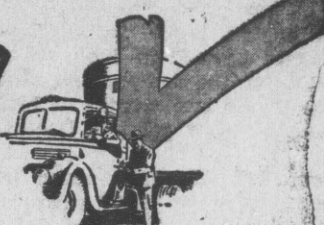


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that you have changed your address and it is lying here in the dead file.

Give to the Red Cross through your local union.

VETS NEWS

Northern California veterans who enroll in school or job-training under the G-I Bill or Public Law 16 will no longer receive the immediate notice of receipt of their enrollment papers in the San Francisco regional Veterans Administration office, Robert P. Shields, manager, announced last week.

In the past veterans have received a notice containing the date on which their enrollment papers were received in the regional office, and an approximate date on which to expect their first subsistence check.

The fact that a veteran does not receive the notice of receipt of his enrollment papers will not affect payment of subsistence.

Approximately 4,000 northern California veterans are entering training each month. Shields asks that these veterans continue to cooperate with the VA by not making unnecessary inquiries concerning their subsistence. Answering such inquiries slows down processing of subsistence checks.

As in the past, the veteran will be immediately informed if any essential information is missing from his enrollment papers. In addition, veterans enrolling in training will continue to receive a notice of award when their enrollment papers have been processed.

Thousands of veterans training under the G-I Bill did not receive subsistence checks on time last month because they failed to notify Veterans Administration of a change in their address.

Since the Post Office Department cannot deliver a government check to addresses not occupied by veteran payees, VA is urging all veterans receiving monthly checks from VA to report promptly all address changes.

An undelivered check is returned to the Treasury Department disbursing office. The office notifies VA and the records are reviewed to determine whether the check actually was sent to the address furnished by the veteran. If the address used was the latest furnished, VA holds the check until it hears from the veteran.

VA realizes that prompt delivery of these checks is important to each veteran concerned. So the importance of the veteran co-operating by giving prompt notification of address changes cannot be overemphasized.

Question: As the widow of a World War I veteran, I desire to file my application for a widow's pension. Must I file it in the city where my late husband died?

Answer: No. The application may be filed at your nearest regional office of the Veterans Administration, or may be mailed to the Dependents Claims Service in VA's Central Office in Washington.

Question: I am a World War I veteran who was married in 1947. Will my wife be entitled to a pension at my death?

Answer: No. The law provides that the widow of a World War I veteran may be paid a pension only if married to the veteran before December 16, 1944.

Question: I hope to take on-the-job training under the G-I Bill and would like to know the amount of subsistence paid by VA and the maximum amount I will be permitted to earn in order to get full subsistence.

Answer: If you are single with no dependents, you will receive a subsistence of \$65 a month, or \$90 a month if you have one or more dependents, provided your income from productive labor is not over \$145 a month if you have no dependents; \$180 a month if you have one dependent; or \$200 a month if you have more than one dependent.

Big Profits Are Made to Look Little

The way corporations make big profits look little, by "splitting" their stock, was illustrated this week by a report of the Union Carbide and Carbon Company.

That huge concern, which has a big part in Uncle Sam's atomic bomb production, in 1948 netted a \$102 million profit, "the largest in its history."

That profit, the report says, amounted to \$3.55 on each share of the company's stock.

In April, 1948, however, the company "split" its stock, by giving its owners three new shares for each of their old shares.

If that had not been done, the 1948 report would have shown a profit of \$10.65 on each of the old shares. That would have looked much higher, to the public, than the \$3.55 a share in this week's report.

If this was not the first "split" in the Union Carbide and Carbon stock, the actual profit, on each original share, was even higher \$10.65.

This stock splitting has long been done by many corporations. That's one reason why their profit reports are deceptive.

World Paint Trust Hit By U.S. Court

New York—A world-wide cartel controlling paint products was charged to E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. and five other firms in Federal Court here last week. The defendants accepted a \$43,000 fine, the most that can be charged them under the present monopoly laws. The money is peanuts compared to the amount they raked in with complete control of titanium pigment and other products from 1920 to 1940.



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IMPORTANT TO ALL MEMBERS: Again we wish to emphasize the importance of the meeting change for Salinas. Accept this as official notice from your Union, as a result of its action at the last regular meeting, that beginning with April, all regular meetings of the Union will be held at the Moose Hall, 121-A Monterey Street. These meetings will be held regularly on the second Tuesday of every month. REMEMBER that on Tuesday, April 12th, our first meeting will be held at the Moose Hall. In Monterey, we will continue to meet the second Thursday of every month as in the past.

Please keep in mind that by action of your union, any member not attending the regular meetings at least once every three months will be subject to a \$2.50 fine; and anyone not attending a negotiation meeting for his or her division after being officially notified will be subject to a fine of \$5. In order that we may keep ourselves abreast of labor movements, events in the state, etc., it is important that we attend meetings regularly.

Activities of this union have increased to such a degree that it is important that all of our members be kept informed as to events affecting their wages, hours and conditions, and this of course requires regular attendance at all meetings. The Moose Hall holds approximately 400. It is the only place we are able to meet in Salinas with the exception of the High School auditorium, but the school authorities are reluctant to let us have the auditorium for a closed meeting.

An organizational drive is taking place, and in line with what you read in last week's column in the Monterey County Labor News, we again urge you to patronize Union Services. We want you to familiarize yourselves with the Union Shop Card and patronize only services which bear the Shop Card of your union. You may purchase your gas at the following stations, where members of our union will serve you: Hears at Valley Center; LaMarr Brothers at Monterey and East Market; Dean's Tire Service at Gabilan and Monterey; Firestone Stores at East San Luis and Monterey; and Les Thompson at Alisal and Front. You may purchase tires and receive tire service at the places listed above and at Don Hultz and Harry Rhodes.

We ask all members to patronize only the following cab companies: Black & White, Salinas 5565; Checker Cab, 4866; Packard Cab, 8801; and Yellow Cab, 7337. When in Monterey, call Monterey Taxi Service or Rusty's Cab Service.

Our fight against Texhoma, Ace, City and Dependable still continues.

You are well aware that by patronizing union firms and channeling your money through places of business which employ union members, you are strengthening your own position insofar as the union is concerned.

Attention Produce Drivers: One meeting has been held in Los Angeles and another is scheduled in the near future with regard to produce drivers and the 1949 contract.

Another meeting is scheduled for the Fluid Milk Division on April 23.

Several meetings have also been held with respect to the Ice Division.

Negotiation meetings are also taking place for: Van and Storage, Beverage, Lumber, Construction, Cannery, Dehydration, and Fresh Vegetable Packing divisions. We have been successful in acquiring wage increases for the following: Manufactured Milk, 10 cents per hour; Bread, \$5 per week; Permanent Metals, 10 cents per hour.

We have an offer from the Fluid Milk industry of 10 cents per hour increase, which was rejected by the membership in that division at a meeting held early this month.

We want to impress all our members with the importance of the American Red Cross drive now taking place. All members are requested to make their donations through their union. A dance will be held at the Birds Nest by all AFL organized labor on March 23, to assist the American Red Cross in acquiring funds. Tickets are on sale by your union, and the price, \$1.25 each. Music will be by KSEW Melody Rangers. It is very important that you assist in this drive.

Remember to patronize Union Services only—and remember the Union Shop Card. Take an active part in your union.

To be in good standing and eligible for any benefits from your union, your dues should be paid on or before the first of every month. By the way, if you pay your dues a year in advance, you can join the gold button club.

When asking for an honorable withdrawal card, ALL dues, INCLUDING the current month, must be paid before a card can be issued to you.

Have you received your insurance policy? If not, please write, phone or come in to the office of the union and we will find out why you did not receive one; it may be



NEW UNDERSECRETARY OF LABOR.—A Boston attorney, Michael J. Galvin (right), is shown being sworn in as Undersecretary of Labor. The oath is being administered by Judge Matthew McGuire as Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, Mrs. Galvin, and AFL President William Green look on.

Wage Cuts Dangerous

New York.—Nothing would be more dangerous for our economy at the present time than wage reductions, Leon Keyserling, vice-chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, told the eastern convention of Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen (AFL) last week.

Keyserling explained to the 350 delegates that only by keeping purchasing power high can the country sustain full production and avoid a recession. The expression "labor statesmen," he said, "is too often used to mean that labor should make the sacrifice paid by the rest of the country. I don't ask you to do that. I ask you to be good trade unionists, to be militant trade unionists in the best sense of that word."

The very small signs of unemployment and sales drops that we have seen lately are because consumers don't have enough money to buy goods, the economist asserted. Any temporary sacrifice that is needed, he maintained, should be made in the "fat earnings of the last several years."

Some downward price trends have been reversed in the last two weeks, Keyserling pointed out. "We can raise our living standards and our real wages, which I believe means raising our money wages year after year."

INTERSTATE TELEPHONE GOES IBEW; CIO OUT

The UWUWA missed the bus again—this time in Washington state, where the IBEW won a bargaining agent election from the Communications Workers of America. The UWUWA isn't even in the organizational picture on the Interstate Telephone and Telegraph Company's premises in the Spokane district.

A factor in the choice of the IBEW was the announcement shortly before the election by CWA President Joseph Bieme that he was taking the organization into the CIO, which had assured him the presidency of the national for doing so. Bieme had tried to make a similar deal with the IBEW but was promised nothing.

Dela MacIntyre and Jerry Winters were the IBEW international organizers who assisted the regular business agents of Local 71 in the Interstate campaign. The vote was 207 for the IBEW as against 182 for the CWA.

Labor is no disgrace but to buy non-union goods is!



WHERE'S THE ROBIN? Starlet Janis Paige reminds us that spring is not far off, though we doubt if we'll see anything quite like this when it does come.

"I-Q" Tests Are "the Bunk"

San Francisco.—If Professor Allison Davis of the University of Chicago had heaved a high-powered bomb into the American Association of School Administrators' convention here, he could not have caused more consternation than he did by condemning "I.Q." tests.

The "I.Q." or "intelligence" tests which many schools use to "classify" their students, Davis declared, have been scientifically proved "invalid and unreliable." In simpler words, these tests are "the bunk."

Contrary to the results usually obtained by such tests in the schools, Davis said, children of parents in the "lower income brackets" are not mentally "inferior." Experiments at the University of Chicago proved that "children of unskilled and semi-skilled laborers are equal, on the average, to those of professional groups."

Stanford University Professor Lewis M. Terman contended Davis went too far. He contended intelligence tests do reveal unusually bright children, but admitted he found them "in families representing all occupational classes and races in California."

ST. PETER AND THE SCAB

"I ought to get a large reward, for never owning a union card. I've never grumbled, I've never struck,

I've never mixed up with union truck

But I must be going my way to win. So open, St. Peter, and let me in." St. Peter sat and stroked his staff. Despite his high office he had to laugh.

Said he with a fiery gleam in his eye,

"Who is tending this gate, sir, or you?"

I've heard of you and your gift of gab;

You are what is known on earth as a scab."

Thereupon he rose in his stature tall

And pressed a button on the wall, And said to the Imp who answered the bell:

"Escort this fellow around to hell;

Tell Satan to give him a seat alone. On a red-hot griddle up near the throne,

But stay, even the Devil can't stand the smell

Of a cooking scab on a griddle in hell.

It would cause a revolt, a strike, I know,

If I sent you down to the fiends below.

Go back to your master on earth and tell

That they don't want scabs in hell."

—Author Unknown.

British Want Music Better Than 'Slow Boat'

Manchester, Eng.—Saving young workers from the "Slow Boat to China" type of music at all costs! was the announced aim of labor leaders here last week when they sought government grants for orchestras like the Liverpool Philharmonic and the Halle Orchestra.

Conductor John Barabroli told a Manchester Trades Council conference that the cost of good concert music is more than most people can afford. "Parks don't pay for themselves," he pointed out, "nor do art galleries. In fact, they are mostly frequented by devoted couples seeking the highest privacy at the lowest cost. Yet they are subsidized."

A delegate from the floor suggested that the big orchestras play more Irving Berlin and Cole Porter. Then more people would come to hear them, he said. Said another MTC member, "We have been an hours and wages movement for so long we have forgotten the things worth living for."

The bottleneck for Union Label products is at the point where union members stop buying them!

Strikes Increase During January

(Labor Dept. Release) Washington, D.C.—Strike activity turned upward in January, as is usual for the season, after the decline in the late months of 1948 to the year's low point in December.

About 225 stoppages began in January, involving 70,000 workers, according to preliminary estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

These totals were about the same as in January a year ago. Idleness arising out of labor-management controversies totaled 800,000 man-days in January as compared with slightly over one million man-days in January 1948.

No work stoppages of industry-wide or nationwide importance occurred during January 1949.

Counting disputes which continued into January from 1948, it is estimated that approximately 400 stoppages involving about 110,000 workers were in effect at one time or another during the month. Twenty-three of these stoppages affected 1,000 or more workers.

In January 1948, twenty-one labor-management disputes involving 1,000 or more workers were in effect sometime during the month.

Spring Fever

Are you one of the victims of spring fever every year? Do you get listless, lazy and feel all run down?

If you are a spring fever victim you don't need to be, the U.S. Department of Agriculture advises, and if you want to avoid it this year you'd better take special care of your diet during the next few weeks.

The Department of Agriculture has found that the "spring weariness" so common in grandmother's day that she dosed her family regularly with spring tonic, is probably due to a shortage of vitamin C in the food you ordinarily eat at this time of year.

Food like potatoes, cabbage, apples, canned tomatoes and other vegetables and fruits gradually lose their vitamin C as they stand in storage. For example, potatoes held in storage for six months have only one-third as much vitamin C as they had when they were harvested.

Studies made of the blood plasma of school children has shown that it is low in ascorbic acid (vitamin C) at this time of year, and the same thing is probably true of most adults as well.

So, instead of waiting until spring fever really hits, and then dosing yourself with spring tonics and other remedies, the Department of Agriculture recommends that you concentrate now on eating more foods rich in vitamin C—citrus fruit or canned citrus products, more canned tomato juice, core cabbage, and more vegetables and fruits generally.

Business Lobbies "Worse Than Ever"

Washington.—A personal letter from an AFL voter "is worth a bundle of form letters from professional labor baiters," Director Joseph Keenan of Labor's League for Political Education asserted last week in a special message to AFL members.

Despite the November election mandate, Keenan said, "the same special interest lobbies which controlled the 80th Congress are swamping this Congress with a deluge of propaganda designed to mislead Congressmen into thinking that the American people don't want rent control or low cost housing, that Social Security and aid to education are communistic, that the Taft-Hartley Act is a fair law."

"The pressure is worse than ever," Keenan warned AFL rank-and-filers.

Union Label On the Air

Washington.—A series of transcribed radio programs promoting the union label are now available for presentation by local stations.

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, presented with a set of transcriptions by United Hat, Cap & Millinery Workers-AFL last week, praised the efforts of the union to make the programs available thruout the nation.

The series, dramatizing the lives of great men and important events, stars Hollywood and Broadway talent including Edward Arnold, Tallulah Bankhead, Ralph Bellamy, Milton Berle, Jose Ferrer, Edward G. Robinson and other well-known actors.

Oleo Tax Battle

Washington.—AFL and CIO lined up with consumers' and other public groups last week in another fight to repeal the federal taxes on sale of oleomargarine. The "poor man's butter" which with the coming of inflation has been widely substituted for the expensive dairy product is the center of a fight between representatives of the cotton and dairy products states. The House Agriculture Committee is expected to report this week on the oleo regulation bills before it.



Milwaukee Millionaire to Give Rest of Life to Labor

Milwaukee.—A multi-millionaire Milwaukeean—Joseph E. Uihlein, 73—captured the nation's headlines this week by announcing that he intends to spend the remaining years of his life organizing white collar workers into unions.

Uihlein is one of Milwaukee's most aristocratic names. A Uihlein founded the Schlitz Brewery Co. and his descendants are the owners of it now. They constitute one of the wealthiest families in the midwest.

For years Joseph headed the brewery, but he retired and now it's managed by two brothers. Joseph has clashed with them frequently on policies. He and his children are still major stockholders in the brewery.

THEY DON'T LIKE HIM

For years Joseph has been a maverick in his class. He has advocated redistribution of wealth, heavier taxes on the rich, and more consideration of the welfare of what he called "das volk"—the people. He insisted the New Deal didn't go far enough.

Now he has announced that he is resigning his post as a director of the First Wisconsin National Bank, one of the nation's largest, so he could devote "full time to encouraging the organization of white collar workers."

WHITE COLLAR NEEDS

"I believe that five to six million Americans can better their lot by joining white collar unions," he said. "I hope to do what I can to encourage this. I am not in it for honor to myself but only through a desire to help the working class." "I've been thinking about this for years. I began to discover that a lot of these people of wealth are not deserving of what they possess. I found something was wrong with the wealthy class. I think a whole lot of them would be better off if they had to work."

He revealed he had already talked about unionism and pension plans to President William Green of the AFL and President John L. Lewis of the Miners, and that he hopes to confer with President Philip Murray of the CIO.

UNION WELFARE FUND

Uihlein announced, too, that a year ago he tried to join the Brewery Workers' Union, but he was turned down because the union's constitution requires that members must be employed at the craft.

Last week he stirred a new row with his brothers at the brewery when he again proposed that the Schlitz firm turn 25 cents for every barrel of beer sold into a welfare fund for the firm's 4000 employees. That would amount to about a million dollars on the basis of last year's sales—or about 1/16 of the company's profits.

Uihlein made the proposal public at a hearing of the Wisconsin Senate Judiciary Committee, and his brothers promptly disowned it. However, Local 9 of the Brewery Workers, on contract renewal negotiations starting next week, intends to take up the idea and ask for a welfare contribution of at least 20 cents a barrel. The union feels that, in view of the publicity, the company can't in good grace refuse to bargain on the issue.

General Electric Cuts Prices on Appliances

New York.—The General Electric Co. announced price reductions in many of its major lines of home appliances.

The price changes, effective immediately, will cover several refrigerator models, home freezers and electric ranges.

The company said the new prices will represent savings to the consumer on these items of up to 32.5 per cent.

General Electric President Chas. E. Wilson said that at the same time new models of several major consumer products would be introduced at prices "substantially below" those of the models they replace.

The greatest wind velocity ever recorded by the United States Weather Bureau for a full five-minute period was in 1934 at the top of Mt. Washington in New Hampshire, where the wind blew 231 miles an hour. So "as fast as the wind" might be as fast as any rate up to that speed—and possibly faster—for the wind in the center of a tornado blows 400 to 500 miles per hour.

Jobless Benefit Enemies Are Slapped Down

Washington.—A House Appropriations Subcommittee, in its report last week recommending a \$2 billion fund for the Labor Department and the Federal Security Agency, went out of its way to lay the law down to a little-known organization which has been quietly working for years to kill unemployment compensation.

The group is the Interstate Conference on Unemployment Security, made up of state unemployment commission administrators. The members of this group have wanted for a long time to get the federal government out of unemployment compensation altogether and turn the whole scheme back to the state legislatures, which are much more susceptible to management lobbyists than Congress. Their belief evidently is that the state legislatures would cut way down on the taxes that industry now is paying for unemployment compensation, and possibly kill the program altogether.

This is what the House subcommittee dealing with the matter said: "As long as the activities of the Interstate Conference are financed from funds made available by Congress their activities should be conducted at all times in such a manner as to assure Congress that it is concerning itself solely with problems concerned with the administration of the employment security program."

In other words, said the subcommittee, stop lobbying! And not only that. It went on to say that the Interstate Conference is having too many meetings of members—at federal expense.

Even Single Woman Finds \$1 Wage Is Rock Bottom Living

Washington.—A \$1 an hour wage, such as that proposed in bills now before Congress, is the absolute minimum on which a single woman can live in the state which has the lowest budget, according to a compilation made last week by the U.S. Labor Department.

The Women's Bureau collected 12 budgets that are used by state governments to estimate what is required by a self-supporting woman without dependents to maintain herself in health and meet the customary requirements of day-to-day living.

Even these budgets, which in many cases are rock-bottom figures, would require at least \$1 an hour in each of the 12 states—Arizona, Colorado, Washington, New York, California (San Francisco only), Kentucky, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The \$1 an hour figure assumes that the woman would have 40 hours of work 52 weeks of the year.

Frank Morrison Dies at Age of 89

Washington.—Frank Morrison, secretary emeritus of the AFL, died here March 12 at the age of 89.

Morrison started his working life as a printer in 1873 and became a member of Local 16, Intl. Typographical Union in Chicago. Later he studied law at the Lake Forest University law school, winning a degree in 1894.

He became AFL secretary in 1897, holding the post for 42 years, until his retirement in 1939. The duties of AFL treasurer were added while he held the job.

EXPRESS STOPPED.—These neatly parked Railway Express Agency trucks got that way after the agency had locked out 9,000 workers who started a "slowdown" to protest 11 months of agency stalling on demands of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks (AFL) for a reduction in the current 44-hour week to 40 hours and for pay boosts.

Calif. Jobs Drop in Feb.

Manufacturing employment in California again decreased in February but the rate of decline was considerably less than in January, according to the State Dept. of Industrial Relations.

The number of wage and salary workers in California decreased to 691,000 in February from 703,000 in January. This drop of 12,000 is exactly one-half the decline of 24,000 which occurred between December and January.

A year ago, 704,000 wage and salary employees were at work in manufacturing establishments.

More than 4,000 of the 12,000 drop in February occurred in the canning industry, largely in fish canning.

Other significant decreases occurred in the automobile industry reflecting shutdown for change-over to new models; the lumber industry as a result of seasonal factors; and in iron and steel products, machinery, furniture, and shipbuilding and repair industries.

The brightest spot in the manufacturing picture was the apparel industry with an increase of 2,000 employees between mid-January and mid-February. Increases were also reported by aircraft establishments.

Durable goods industries sustained largest decreases in February bringing total employment in this group to 377,400 from 385,900 in January and 384,700 in February a year ago.

The increase in apparel offset partly the large decrease in canning resulting in a net loss between January and February of 3,500 employees in the nondurable goods industries from 316,900 to 313,400. A year ago nondurable goods manufacturing establishments employed 318,800 wage and salary workers.

PRODUCTION WORKERS

The total number of manufacturing production workers, excluding administrative, supervisory, sales, technical, and office personnel, decreased to 446,000 in February from 456,800 in January.

Plant employees in durable goods factories numbered 253,900 in February compared with 261,800 in January.

Production workers in nondurable goods industries declined by less than 3,000 to 192,100 from 195,000.

Teamsters Violate Ban on Boycott, NLRB Ruling

Washington.—A trial examiner of the NLRB has held that a local of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL violated the secondary-boycott prohibition of the Taft-Hartley Act by picketing trucks of an employer with which the union had a strike while the trucks were on the premises of the employer's customers.

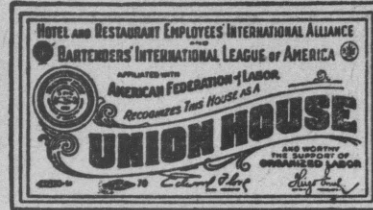
The ruling was the first application by a trial examiner of the ruling by the board itself several weeks ago that T-H secondary boycott ban outlaws peaceful picketing in support of an illegal strike.

The examiner said he had found that Teamsters' Local 807, of New York City, was in violation by picketing trucks of the Schultz Refrigerated Service, Inc., after the company "locked out" members of Local 807—"even though Schultz 'customers' premises was the only place of business of Schultz available to the strikers."

Lawyers for Schultz had also charged the Teamsters with threats of force and violence, both the trial examiner dismissed these charges.

One objective of good work is to receive good wages. Don't throw them away on shoddy, non-union goods!

LOCAL 483 REPORTS



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The regular membership meeting, held on Wednesday afternoon, March 16th, was rather poorly attended, considering our membership strength and the importance of the meeting. Principal item of business was the discussion of the working agreement for the coming year. The Contract Committee, appointed during February meetings, gave a report of their meetings and discussions. Numerous questions will be clarified prior to our next regular meeting, to be held on Wednesday, April 6th, at 8:30 p.m. Since our contracts constitute the single most important piece of business for the entire year, it is hoped that the hall will be packed at the next meeting.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase an Addressette for the office use. This piece of equipment will enable our office staff to get mailings out to the entire membership with the least amount of time and effort. It should prove most helpful in getting out regular monthly notices of meetings scheduled, in order that our members will be reminded of meeting date and time.

ORGANIZING REPORT

A report of organizational activities during the past few weeks was given by your secretary, and by Brother Osterloh, our business agent. Your secretary reported on the meeting recently held with Mr. H. H. P. Siemsen, manager of Del Monte Lodge. Mr. Siemsen was very cordial, and reaffirmed his previous offers of extending employment opportunities to members of Local 483. More recently, a meeting was held with Mr. S. F. B. Morse, chairman of the Board, Del Monte Properties Company. During the course of a rather lengthy discussion, Mr. Morse stated that Del Monte would certainly not object to any of their culinary and bar employees becoming members of our union. He also stated that our union members, employed by Del Monte, may wear their union working button while on the job, if they wish, and that union officers will have access to Del Monte at any reasonable time they wish to interview members or investigate working conditions. Your secretary pointed out to Mr. Morse that our union had enjoyed very friendly and cordial relations with Del Monte over a period of many years, despite the lack of a signed contract, and that it is our wish to continue and enhance those friendly relations. Mr. Morse expressed approval of this viewpoint.

All of our labor problems are not discussed in such an intelligent and friendly manner, however. After several attempts to gain cooperation from Mac's Coffee Shop, located on the corner of Franklin and Tyler Streets, it has become necessary to request a citation from the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council. The owner of the shop will be invited to appear before the next regular meeting of the council to show cause why he should not be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list, and Local 483 authorized to place pickets if they so desire. The dispute has come about over the refusal of the firm to adhere to union working conditions and wages.

The failure of the operators of the Karmelkorn Fountain Restaurant to keep their promise and come up with a signed agreement has also been brought to the attention of the Central Labor Council. It is expected that discussions with this firm will be renewed in the immediate future.

"GIVE AND TAKE"

Your secretary and your executive board have been much concerned recently with scattered reports of strife and ill feeling among fellow employees, working for the same firm. Upon investigation of several of these reports, it has been found that in some cases employees are fighting amongst themselves, usually over petty differences, and that some stoop to carrying tales

to the bosses, and conducting "whispering campaigns" against one or more of their fellow workers. Activities of this nature are certainly beneath the dignity of good Union workers. One of the principal aims of Unionism is to promote good, healthy relationships between workers as well as between management and employees. And it is to be expected that, in the process, each of us must make some concessions. We must learn to "give and take," in a fair-minded, even tempered manner. In those instances where workers are not broad minded enough to quietly adjust their differences and help each other, it is almost inevitable that their quarrels reflect adversely against their place of employment and against other workers who are not directly involved. These unhealthy disturbances must be stopped. Should it become necessary, they will be stopped by the simple expedient of filing charges against the trouble makers and suspending them from our Union. Do your part at all times to work for your own best interests. Don't carry petty, malicious tales to your boss or spread rumors to your fellow workers. Go out of your way, if necessary, to help a fellow worker to become adjusted and to do a better job for himself and his employer. The benefits of such constructive action will soon be apparent to you, your customers, and your employer. Good, healthy relations amongst fellow workers are always apparent to your customers, in the form of cheerful, courteous service and a spirit of friendliness pervading the place of business. And your customers like nothing better than to patronize a cheerful, friendly restaurant, bar, or night club. You are certain to be repaid for the extra effort expended; if in no other manner, by the simple fact that your working conditions are improved and you enjoy your job more than you have in the past.

Don't forget—all dues are payable on or before the 15th day of every month to avoid penalties. And you must attend at least one meeting per month or pay the fine, unless excused for illness, baby-sitting, etc.

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